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Title: METHOD OF PATTERNING, INSTALLING, RENEWING
AND/OR RECYCLING CARPET TILES

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Sir:

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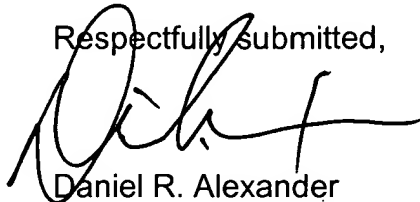
- ☒ This application is generally related to prior US patent applications 60/211,362, filed June 13, 2000 and 09/874,859, filed June 5, 2001.
- ☒ The relevance of the non-English language references listed on Form PTO-1449, is submitted on the basis of:
 - ☐ the accompanying English language translation.
 - ☐ the accompanying EPO Search Report.
 - ☒ the accompanying partial International Search Report.

☐ the following concise explanation.

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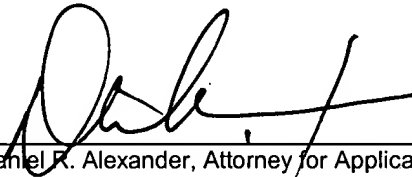
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